

Grammar

1 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the dialogue.

- Conxi: I was (1) wondering/doubting/thinking whether I could borrow one of your coats for the weekend.
- Laura: Of course. Well (2) as long as/if only/unless it is the one I'm going to wear. Which one did you want to borrow?
- Conxi: The beige one with the furry collar.
- Laura: Really? I would love to lend it to you if I (3) wouldn't/didn't/hadn't already lent it to Sylvia. Sorry.
- Conxi: It's my fault. I (4) must/should/would have asked you earlier.
- Laura: Which day do you need it for?
- Conxi: Sunday.
- Laura: That's okay. Silvia (5) must/can/will have returned it by then.

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2 Find and correct the mistakes in the news report.

Rock legend Billy Jagger may has to cancel his upcoming tour, due to an accident in his last concert. This is reported that a camera mounted on a drone was filming him when he reached out to grab it.

'It was a risky thing to do,' drone expert Dave Ellis explained. 'You ought be careful as the propellers are dangerous.' Jagger is believed to had been taken to hospital the next day. Unless he gets better in the next week, the Stockholm concert must have to be cancelled.

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3 Complete the text with the correct answer, A, B or C.

When Carly arrived home, after a hard day at work, she was upset to find her favourite vase broken into tiny pieces and lying on the kitchen table. She (1) what had happened. She rang Trina, her flatmate, to see if she could solve the mystery. Trina (2) knowing anything and she (3) that Carly ring Magda, the cleaning lady. When Carly spoke to Magda, she (4) profusely for having broken the vase and (5) to stop by the house the next day with the money to pay for a new one.

- 1 A denied
B wondered
C refused
- 2 A insisted
B apologised
C denied
- 3 A suggested
B ordered
C reminded
- 4 A denied
B apologised
C claimed
- 5 A claimed
B suggested
C promised

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Vocabulary

- 4 Complete the article with the correct form of these words and phrases. There are two extra words or phrases.

in addition • in aid of • lead to • owing to
require • repercussion • stem from

Predicting the weather is much more scientific than it was in the past. In fact, (1) advances in technology, modern day predictions are much more accurate than 30 years ago. This mainly (2) the fact that modern meteorologists use mathematical equations to predict the weather. Such forecasting (3) powerful computers and lots of data collected from land, sea and air. So, where does it sometimes go wrong? Well, although the computers used are super-powerful, the atmosphere is huge, which naturally (4) errors being made. (5) to this, the atmosphere is chaotic and can change at any moment. So, it all goes to show that when it comes to the weather what we can rely on is the unpredictability of nature.

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- 5 Complete the review with the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

Irish rock band U2 (1) controversy by installing their 2014 album *Songs of Innocence* directly onto people's mobile phones. But what about the music itself?

The band claims that the songs are inspired by their childhood and this is clear from the (2), with the opening track a tribute to The Ramones, one of the first bands they saw. One of the most (3) tracks is 'Iris', which is dedicated to Bono's mother and is sure to touch your emotions. Apart from these, there are a number of other (4) tracks, which vary from stadium sing-alongs to touching ballads. Although the album hasn't received (5) reviews from the critics, fans worldwide have defended it as a fine piece of work.

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| 1 A led to | B caused |
| C transmitted | D resulted in |
| 2 A breakthrough | B outcome |
| C outset | D begin |

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| 3 A shallow | B risqué |
| C moving | D strong |
| 4 A remembered | B memorable |
| C adverse | D sprawling |
| 5 A rave | B sharp |
| C thriving | D quaint |

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- 6 Complete the text with these words. There are two extra words.

a • about • benefits • effects • of
process • the

A pharmaceutical company based in the United States is in the (1) of developing a new product which will help people who suffer from arthritis. Initial testing of the product, which is taken in pill form, revealed that it had serious side (2) such as headaches and dizziness. However, leading scientist Paul Boyce claims that the research they have been doing over the last few months has brought (3) significant improvements. 'We have done (4) number of tests, made great improvements in our product and the results are impressive. On the strength (5) these new results, we hope to have it on the market by next summer.'

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Reading

- 7 Read the blog posts which talk about minor offences. Match the questions (1–6) with the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

A I travel by bike regularly. I use the city's bicycle network, a service which costs about €60 a year but saves me a lot of money on public transport. In my city, there are lots of bicycle lanes but they don't cover the whole city. Sometimes it's necessary to join the normal traffic, which I can't say I particularly enjoy. When I am at the traffic lights, I sometimes cycle ahead slightly before the light changes to green so I can get a position in the road. If I don't, the cars speed past me and sometimes I feel quite insecure setting off with cars and motorbikes speeding past me. Another trick is to go on the pavement at traffic lights and join the road at the junction ahead. Unfortunately, that is exactly what I did last weekend when there was a police car behind me. I was praying they would drive past as there is a lot more serious crime to worry about but no, they stopped me and fined me €200, which could be reduced to €100 if I paid it then. Fortunately, I had my credit card on me but it still cost me more than a year's use of the bike service.

Abby

B Out of all the people I know that drive, I would say that I am, by far, the most cautious. I have friends that drive at excessive speeds on the motorway. I have family members that have had minor accidents when reversing out of car parking spaces. Then you have me. I stick to the limit and I obey every single traffic sign. When the traffic lights are turning amber, I immediately brake, as I would hate to jump a light. That's why it's quite ironic really. Last week, I was given a speeding ticket for travelling 33 mph on a 30 mph road. I feel terrible and, given my normal behaviour, I believe it's unfair. I've never broken the law before and now as a result of three extra miles per hour, I have points on my licence and I have had to pay a significant fine. Shouldn't the police look for real criminals or people that drive at extreme speeds?

Bob

C I recently moved to England from Spain. I live in a one-bedroom flat alone. My English is quite good but I want to improve. That's the main reason I decided to move to England. Like most foreigners, I feel that I need to practise and listen to more of the language. It was for that reason that with my first pay cheque, I bought a small plasma television to go in my living room. I was delighted with it. Nearly two months after buying the television, I received a letter through the door in a brown envelope. When I opened it, I was in shock. I had received a fine for not having a TV licence and the fine was more than the cost of the television! I had never heard of a TV licence. The end result is that I had to sell the television to get the money to pay the fine. Now I'm waiting for pay day again!

Carlos

D Every week, I buy a train ticket which gets me into work. The train ticket costs me a fortune but that's the price you pay for travelling during rush hour. One Saturday night, I was heading into town to meet some friends. I saw the train approach and as the ticket barriers were open at the station, I walked through and jumped on the train. I sat down and a few minutes later a ticket inspector approached me and requested to see my ticket. I fumbled through my bag and I suddenly realised that I had left my weekly pass at home in my work handbag. I explained my situation to the inspector, who regrettably said that as I was travelling without a ticket he would have to fine me. I refused to pay the fine at the time and am hoping with the help of my lawyer, I can be relieved of the charge. If not, the fine might be twice as big.

Davina

Which person:

- 1 might have to pay a bigger fine in the future?
- 2 received a fine that was more than the service they were using?
- 3 was unable to pay the fine when they received it?

- 4 was caught doing something that they do regularly?
- 5 could have avoided receiving a fine if they hadn't been forgetful?
- 6 always respects traffic lights?

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8 Read the blog posts again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

1 Abby doesn't like cycling out of the bicycle lanes.	T/F	5 Carlos won't be able to watch television until he can afford to buy one.	T/F
2 Abby was fined because she didn't look behind her.	T/F	6 Davina accepts that the price of her weekly pass is fair considering when she travels.	T/F
3 Bob thinks that his family drive dangerously.	T/F		
4 Carlos moved to England to watch English TV.	T/F		
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Use of English

9 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first using the word given. Use between two and six words.

1 She bought the dress before I did and I wish it hadn't happened. SHE If the dress before me.	6 If by some small probability you won the lottery, what would you buy first? HAPPENED If the lottery, what would you buy first?
2 We didn't buy enough food for the party. REGRET We food for the party.	7 'Do I have to go to the meeting on Friday afternoon?' Gill asked her colleagues. IF Gill asked her colleagues to the meeting on Friday afternoon.
3 Lisa is sorry that she didn't speak to Juan before the class. WISHES Lisa to Juan before the class.	8 It's almost ten o'clock. We started studying at four o'clock. STUDYING By ten o'clock we six hours.
4 We are confident that we will finish painting the classroom by next week. FINISHED By next week we the classroom.	
5 She was on the verge of giving up but he convinced her not to. ABOUT She up but he convinced her not to.	

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Listening

10 Listen to a radio interview with two historians. Choose the best answers, A, B or C.

- 1 Changes started to take place in the housing industry ...
A before the 17th century.
B during the 17th century
C after the 17th century.
- 2 British nobility and gentry ...
A used to travel overseas to find new house designs.
B wanted their houses to be fashionable.
C based the design of their houses on ideas from abroad.
- 3 In the 18th century, detached houses ...
A were rare in the towns but abundant in the countryside.
B became popular in both the countryside and the towns.
C were not present in the towns.
- 4 The main reason why terraced houses came into existence was because ...
A tradesmen believed they would be a popular design.
B many towns needed additional houses to accommodate the growing population.
C home owners thought it would be more convenient to join their houses together.
- 5 In 1919, a change was made where ...
A people stopped buying houses and started to rent.
B people were offered properties they could either rent or buy.
C people living in cities were given the opportunity to rent properties.

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11 Listen again and complete the summary with one word in each gap.

In 17th century Britain, people lived in houses which were characteristic of their region, following (1) traditions.

In the 18th century, people moved around more and tradesmen were able to discover new

(2) to copy. In the countryside there was more (3) than in the towns, which affected the type of houses in each place. In the 18th century, different classes of people led to a housing (4)

After 1919, local councils built houses for people who were unable to (5) house prices.

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Writing

12 Read the topic below. Write an essay discussing the advantages and disadvantages of living at home or moving away from home while studying. Give your own opinion and support your ideas with examples where possible.

'Many students choose to live at home while studying at university, while others prefer to move away from home when studying.'

You should:

- introduce the topic
- compare both sides of the argument in two clear paragraphs
- give your own opinion
- use a formal style

Write 250–275 words.

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Speaking

13 Work with a partner. Decide who is A and who is B. Read the task and follow the instructions.

A British friend is in your city for one month on an exchange programme. He/she has to do a school project while he/she is there and asks you for some advice about places to study. Discuss the following issues:

- best libraries or study facilities
- other quiet places
- places where you study best

Student A: You are going to give the advice.

- think of the best places to study in your city or town
- introduce each piece of advice with a suitable expression
- add further pieces of advice with expressions like *secondly, another thing, in addition ...*
- ask questions so you can make your advice more personal, e.g. *Where do you usually like to study?*
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Student B: You are going to ask for advice.

- think of different ways to ask for advice
- respond to each piece of advice you receive
- ask for clarification if necessary
- tell your partner what you have decided